

REMARKS

Claims 17-34 remain in this application. Claims 1-16 have been canceled. Claims 17-34 have been added.

There is submitted herewith a clean version of the substitute specification, as well as a copy with markings showing all the changes relative to the originally filed version, in accordance with 37 cfr 1.125(c). As was pointed out above, the undersigned registered U.S. Patent attorney states pursuant to 37 1.125(b), that the substitute specification includes no new matter.

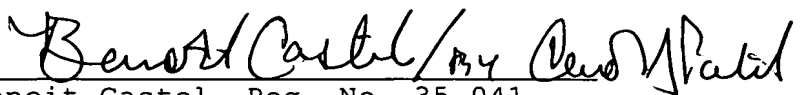
Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly requested.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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**APPENDIX:**

The Appendix includes the following item(s):

- ☒ - a new or amended Abstract of the Disclosure
- ☒ - a Substitute Specification and a marked-up copy of the originally-filed specification